3274. [*Transferred to the 6th December*, 1988].

Filling up of the seats of the SRUCC on Central Railway

3275. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the delay in filling up of seats on the Suburban Railway Users' Consultative Committee (SRUCC) on the Central Railway ever since its term began in January, 1988; and

(b) if so, what is the number of seats which are still to be filled up and by when these are likely to be filled up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Only two elected representatives, one each from Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee, Bombay Division and Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee, Central Railway are yet to be given representation on the Suburban Railway Users' Consultative Committee, Central Railway. Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee, Central Railway and Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee, Bombay Division have been constituted from 1-11-88 and 1-9-88 respectively. The election of representatives from these committees to Suburban Railway Users' Consultative Committee will be held in the meetings of these committees scheduled in December, 1988.

Underutilisation of the Calicut Airport

3276. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calicut airport constructed at a cost of Rs. 22 crores is grossly underutilised;

(b) whether Government have under their consideration any proposal to introduce flights from Calicut airport to Gulf Countries in view of the increasing traffic potential from Calicut to Gulf Countries; and

(c) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be implemented; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The airport at Calicut has been developed as a domestic airport suitable only for operation of aircraft upto B-737 type. There are no immediate plans with the National Airports Authority to upgrade Calicut airport for international operations, since Trivandrum airport in Kerala State is already handling international flights connecting Kerala with the Gulf countries.

Deteriorated quality of food supplied in the Express trains

3277. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality of food supplied in Express Trains has deteriorated;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to improve the quality of food supplied in Express Trains?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.